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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF PERIOD FOR RESPONSE

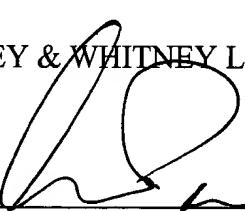
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of three month(s) (from June 12, 2003 to September 12, 2003) within which to respond to the Office 09/16/2003 MEBREMI 00000101 09557423 02 FC:1253 Action dated March 12, 2002. The requisite extension fee of \$930.00 is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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